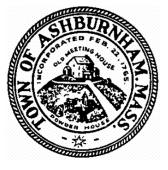
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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (3) Council on Aging Board, (1) Capital Planning Committee and (1) Advisory Board. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

INSURANCE

It was voted, based on the recommendation of Edd Byrnes our insurance representative, by Westminster and the AWRSD to switch from MEDEX 3 to offer MEDEX 2 for their senior retirees. Due to the fact that we need to be consistent with the others and that we are just getting into this benefit we will also be offering the MEDEX 2 coverage for seniors effective May 1, 2014.

BUDGET FY 15

I had an initial meeting with Advisory Board on January 27th, and Capital Planning on the 29th. I will meet with BOS on February 4th.

There is a scheduled Capital Planning meeting on February 12th, the AWRSD will be present to discuss their capital plan and it's interaction with Ashburnham.

PUBLIC SAFETY

This past week due to the great team work displayed by our dispatch, police, and EMS, an extremely unfortunate circumstance did not escalate into a fatal situation.

GAS LINE

I was approached by a representative of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC. Due to increase demand in gas in the northeast they are exploring the feasibility of installing a 250 mile pipeline called the Northeast Expansion Project. Tennessee plans to explore this effort with interested stakeholders, including landowners, elected officials, and local governments and their residents, as well as the appropriate state and federal regulatory agencies. Tennessee will begin to contact landowners along the proposed project route in the coming weeks. I ask the Board to vote to allow Tennessee to access town owned land for the purposes of surveying to proposed route. Project has an in-service date of November 2018.

LAND SALE

Val Daigle has requested that the Board vote to place an article on the ATM to sell a parcel of land, Map 14 Parcel 27 to her as an abutter for \$500.